

Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes January 27, 2009

In Attendance: Marie Inserra, Joyce McKinney, Becky Heron, Evelyn Nicholson, Shafonda Price, Jan Paul, Fran Foster, Cindy Bailey, Joyce Arcus, Susan Teer. There were 6 guests from the community in attendance.

Minutes from the September November 18, 2008, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Animal Control Update:

- Discussed impound statistics and completed calls
- Currently 10 officers, 2 field supervisors, 6 office support; promotion of 2 officers to Level 2 status
- Schedule move-in date for the new building is 2/20/09. Durham APS plans to purchase the AC trailer.

Shelter Update:

- Intake/outcome statistics were reviewed for Nov/Dec
- New adoption programs implemented in December yielded an increase in number of adoptions for the same period last year
- Discussed the Salvation Army Food Program

Old Business:

- AC has lost funding for printing and postage for education materials regarding the new tethering ordinance
 - Discussed placing fliers into other bills (tax, utilities, etc.)
 - Distribute materials to public places

New Business:

- Discussed a rabies tax exemption for individuals involved in rescue efforts
 - Not-for-profit organizations
 - Discussed the logistics of maintaining a registry to properly identify all animals enrolled in foster care
- Discussed the reduction of rabies licensing fee for show dogs
 - motion was made to keep ordinance as currently written – motion passed unanimously
- Suggestion was made to create the position of Vice-Chair for ACAC to lead meetings in the absence of the Chair
 - Motion made to create the position of Vice-Chair – motion passed unanimously
 - Motion made to vote on a member to fill the position of Vice-Chair at the next meeting – motion passed unanimously
 - Fran Foster nominated by Joyce McKinney for the position of Vice-Chair

Topic – How to Reduce the Feral Cat Population

- Addressed the importance of cooperation between multiple organizations to address the problem. Emphasized that this goal will require a multi-pronged approach.
- Discussed the following items to consider when developing the approach
 - Is there a way to determine the severity of the problem in Durham
 - Obtaining medical attention for feral cats
 - Public health concerns
 - How to address complaints from the community
- Decided that members of the committee would do individual research and reconvene March 24 at 7PM.

Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.